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Report on Site Visit: Sal's Auto & Truck Repair
5 Willow Street

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Description of Hazardous Materials Use

Sal's Auto & Truck Repair is a business which repairs and services cars and trucks, does inspections and tows vehicles. The business consists of a three bay work area, an open shed which can be used for parking vehicles, and a parking area for buses and trucks. The building also has three other bays which are rented to two business which currently hold hazardous materials permits (Northeast Frame and Unibody and R. S. Flannery Trucking)

Site Visit Observations

The site can be divided into six distinct areas. Each area has different uses.

oil on floor
- **FRONT TWO-BAY INSIDE WORK AREA:** This area houses two bays for servicing and inspecting cars. There is a large pan for secondary containment of new oil (55 gal drum) and other automotive fluids (qts, 1 & 5 gal containers). A waste oil burner burns used motor oil. The used oil is poured directly into the tank of the burner as well as into a secondary 275-gallon tank in another room. There are spills on the floor which are soaked up with Speedy Dry. There are also absorbent pads in the area. There is a parts washer serviced by Safety Kleen. Gas cylinders are present for welding and for freon work. Fire extinguishers are mounted in the room. There are no floor drains. There is a hand washing sink in the work area.

SIDE ONE-BAY INSIDE WORK AREA: This work area has a lift for servicing cars as well as a large work area for storing tools and miscellaneous equipment. There is a small parts washer (serviced by Safety Kleen). Oil is changed in this area and taken to a 275 gallon storage tank in the corner of the work area. This tank feeds via hose into the used oil burner in the front two-bay work area. There are spills on the floor. Speedy Dry has been used to cover the spills. There is a fire extinguisher mounted on the wall. There are no floor drains or sinks in this work area.

PARTIALLY COVERED OPEN SHED WORK AREA WITH SOIL FLOOR: The shed has three bays. The floor is bare soil. One bay is used for storage of engines and miscellaneous car and truck parts and tires. The other two bays are rented by R. S. Flannery Trucking. Mr. Flannery services large trucks and other equipment in these two bays. He stores new and used motor oil, hydraulic oil and antifreeze. He has a pan for

secondary containment. His trucks contain fire extinguishers. Emergency numbers are posted in the shed.

✓ **YARD OUTSIDE AREA:** The yard area on the side of the property as well as the large yard area in back is used for parking large equipment, school buses, abandoned cars and trucks, empty tanks, and other miscellaneous things. There is trash present. Several empty 55 gallon drums are also present.

DUMPSTER AREA OUTSIDE NORTHEAST FRAME AND UNIBODY: The dumpster area has trash on the ground, including several empty solvent cans.

NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING: Two 275-gallon heating oil tanks sit on the ground on this side of the building. Both tanks lack any cover or secondary containment. One tank sits outside Northeast Frame and Unibody. There are many paint stains on the outside wall next to the tank as if someone dripped many colors of paint on the wall. The window over the stains is clean, a situation which seems to indicate the stains are not coming from someone dripping paint from inside the building to the outside.

Comments

FRONT TWO-BAY INSIDE WORK AREA:

During the site visit I observed unchained gas cylinders in this area. There were numerous spills on the floor. The spills were covered with Speedy Dry. The hand washing sink was very dirty with much black material in the sink and on the wall above the sink. The mechanic said the sink was used only for hand washing. He said the sink had not been cleaned in a long time and that was why it was so black. The sink needs to be cleaned so that it does not seem to indicate it is being used for something other than hand washing. There needs to be a sign over the sink which states **"Hand Washing: Do Not Pour Any Hazardous Materials into This Sink"**.

SIDE ONE-BAY INSIDE WORK AREA: This area also had numerous spills with much Speedy Dry present to soak them up. The 275-gallon used-oil tank had overflowed onto the floor area under the tank. A large amount of Speedy Dry had been used to soak up the oil. The Speedy Dry was still present on the floor. The tank has no secondary containment at the present time. I discussed providing a berm made out of concrete blocks to provide the necessary containment. The tank is also surrounded with equipment and auto parts. The equipment and parts will have to be moved to another area and the Speedy Dry cleaned up completely before a berm can be built.